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I. Introductory Comments:

Note: This Amendment has been submitted in a format proposed in a Pre-OG Notice, dated January 31, 2003, signed by Steven Kunin, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy. More information about this format can be found at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/revamdtprac.htm>.

The present paper is submitted as a complete response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002 having a shortened statutory period for response of three months, which expired on March 18, 2003. Applicant is submitting concurrently herewith a request for a one-month extension of time to file a response to the Office Action. Accordingly, the present paper is timely filed since this paper is being filed prior to or on the extended deadline for response, however, should an additional extension of time be required, this paper is such a request. Should

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any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for the filing of the present document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

II. Amendments to the Specification:

None.